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Inspire Scholarship
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Innovation in Science Pursuit and Inspired Research (INSPIRE) scholarship has been launched to provide accessible higher education in science to girls and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of applications received under the scheme during the last three years particularly from girl students in Rajasthan and the number of applications approved and rejected out of it;

(c) whether the students who have obtained required cut off percentage for INSPIRE in the 12th class are not being given this scholarship;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to increase budgetary allocations under the said scholarship so that all the applicants who have got more marks than the cut off may get benefit of the said scholarship for higher education; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam Innovation in Science Pursuit and Inspired Research (INSPIRE) scholarship has been launched to provide scholarship to girls and boys. This scholarship is provided to the students on the basis of their performance in 12th Board examination from any Board in the country and pursuing basic and natural science subjects at Undergraduate level and continuing up to Post-Graduate level.

(b) The total number of applicants including girl students who are receiving INSPIRE scholarships from the state of Rajasthan in the last three years is given below:

Year Applications No. of scholarships No. of scholarships Rejected
Received Approved (For Girls) (For Girls)
Total No. of Girls

2012-13 2281 819 637 182
2013-14 2762 1243 883 360
2014-15 2493 1184 444 740

(c) to (d): The Cabinet has approved 10,000 number of INSPIRE Scholarships per year for the entire country. Students who have obtained required cut off percentage are always considered and granted Scholarship.

(e) & (f): At present, the Government does not have any proposal to enhance the budgetary allocations under the INSPIRE scholarship for higher education.

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